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Mr. William G. Miller, Staff Director  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bill:

We have been following the legislation now before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that would reform the Civil Service and provide protection for Federal employees who blow the whistle on illegal or improper activities. We are, of course, concerned with this legislation because of its potential impact on the personnel procedures and requirements of intelligence agencies. The Civil Service Commission has recommended a number of amendments to the legislation, including those that would exempt intelligence agencies from the provisions of the reform legislation; we support these amendments, but potential problems remain.

To provide you with a better sense of our concerns with the legislation, I am including two background papers we have prepared and a copy of the 17 May 1978 and 22 May 1978 letters from Civil Service Commission Chairman Campbell to Chairman Ribicoff referring, among other things, to the need for exemptions for intelligence agencies. Even though the legislation is now undergoing change during the mark-up, the papers reflect our general concerns with the legislation.

Sincerely,



Acting Legislative Counsel

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